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FM RADIO IN TENTH PLAN
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the percantage of population likely to be covered by FM Radio Service during the Tenth Plan in the country ; and

(b)the other technological initiatives envisaged broadcasting and telecasting during the Tenth Plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) All India Radio has, proposed to cover 60% of the population, during the 10th Plan.

(b) Various initiatives such as, Internet Broadcasting, Introduction of Digital Broadcasting in Terrestrial/Satellite mode, expansion of FM Transmission network, conversion of existing analog production and delivery system to digital mode in order to provide superior quality programmes to listeners and to further improve the coverage area are envisaged to be taken up during the 10th Plan, subject to availability of resources.